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Information has been received from a reliable source to the effect that Rescoe L. Hambleton, an American citizen, who has during the past few years resided in Shanghai, is subject to a claim made against him, by one Lawrence Impey, a British subject, resident of Peking, for \$10,000, the computed value of certain curios, etc. consigned to him for disposal in the U.S.A. In 1931, R. L. Hambleton was the local representative for the Pioneer Instrument Company Inc' - Division of Bendix Aviation Corporation, New York, U.S.A. and had an office, and manufacturers' agency, at No.3 Canton Road, Shanghai. In June 1931, R.L. Hambleton went on a visit to the U.S.A. and L. Impey, who was on friendly terms with him at that time, entrusted him with the disposal in America of the property in question, part of which he took with him, the remainder being sent there to him through other mediums. R.L. Hambleton returned to Shanghai in February, 1932 and, in communications he sent to L. Impey in Peking, stated that owing to unfavourable circumstances he had not been able to dispose of the curios etc., and had left them in U.S.A. to be disposed of. From time to time during the period following, up September 30, 1933, L. Impey in correspondence, and through Messrs Schuhl-Davies and Lurten, a firm of local lawyers, has brought pressure to bear on R.L. Hambleton for payment of the claim of \$10,000 against him, or the return of the curios, etc., but without avail. R.L. Hambleton left Shanghai for America on the s.s. "President Lincoln" on September 30, 1933 and the matter of the aforementioned claim is pending his return.

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During mobilization of the local forces in 1932, R.L. Hambleton joined the Snipers Unit of the Special Police and his name still appears on the strength of the staff.

J. D. I. Prince
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Officer i/c Special Branch.

D. I. Prince
Information. I instructed
C. D. I. Prince to make out this report
as I thought it might be useful
to the Prince Branch to know that
Hambleton is a person who engages
in sharp practices

J. H. Griens

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